

## NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER

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April 4, 2019

**RE:           Veteran's Name: BOYNTON, Michael**  
**SSN/SN:**  
**Request Number: 2-22679445368**

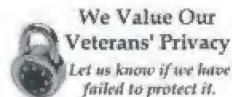
Dear Recipient:

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center. Under the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, we must have the written consent (signature) of the individual whose records are involved before considering your request. However, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the Department of Defense has determined that certain items of information may be released to the general public without an unwarranted invasion of the individual's privacy. The enclosure provides all of the information for the veteran that is releasable under FOIA.

If you have questions or comments regarding this response, you may contact us at 314-801-0800 or by mail at the address shown in the letterhead above. If you contact us, please reference the Request Number listed above. If you are a veteran, or a deceased veteran's next of kin, please consider submitting your future requests online by visiting us at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

Sincerely,

DORCAS GREEN  
Archives Technician (AFN-MC3D)



Enclosure(s)

**Please complete our on-line survey.** We really want to know how we did answering your request. Go to [www.archives.gov/veterans/survey](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/survey) and enter your request number 2-22679445368. The survey should only take a few minutes and is used to help improve service to our customers.

**INFORMATION RELEASABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT****NAME:**

Michael Boynton

**BRANCH OF SERVICE AND SERIAL/SERVICE NUMBER(S):**

United States Navy 541 15 85

**DATES OF SERVICE:**

August 15, 1960 - August 31, 1990

**DUTY STATUS:**

Retired

**RANK/GRADE:**

AOCM

**SALARY:**

N/A

**SOURCE OF COMMISSION:**

N/A

**PROMOTION SEQUENCE NUMBER:**

N/A

**ASSIGNMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS:**

See Attached

**MILITARY EDUCATION:**

Aviation Ordnance (1961); SCUBA Diving (1962); Greek Parachute School; Career Information and Counseling (1973); Army Communicator School (1965)

**DECORATIONS AND AWARDS:**

See Attached

**TRANSCRIPT OF COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL:**

Not on File

**PHOTOGRAPH:**

N/A

**PLACE OF ENTRY:**

Dallax, Texas

**PLACE OF SEPARATION:**

Norfolk, Virginia

**FOR DECEASED VETERAN ONLY****PLACE OF BIRTH****DATE OF DEATH****LOCATION OF DEATH****PLACE OF BURIAL**

NOTE: N/A denotes information is not available in the veteran's records



SERVICE

24. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL THIRD AWARD FOR SERVICE ENDING 31 AUG 71.  
EXPERT PISTOL SECOND AWARD  
EXPERT RIFLEMAN SECOND AWARD.

17. PROMOTION AND TRAINING COMPLETED

MR PO13C. NTC 2018C: SEAL/UDT NUCLEAR WEAPONS (J-00/000-919): COMBAT MEDICINE, FT. BRAGG, N.C.: SEAL COI, FORT BRAGG, N.C.: SERE (D-000-014), FAETULANT, BRUNSWICK, MA: ARMY COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL, FT. BRAGG, N.C.: FTC, NORVA. (2018012): 6565 JOINT R/T PROCEDURES, USNAB, LCRK. SPEC OPS TRAINING, CORONADO, CALIF: SPANISH LANGUAGE COI, LCRK, NORVA.

SERVICE

24. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL: EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (CUBA): EXPERT PISTOL SHOT: EXPERT RIFLE MEDAL: VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL: VIETNAMESE SERVICE MEDAL: PURPLE HEART AWARD: NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL: VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY: SILVER STAR MEDAL: \*

26. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED

FOURTH GOOD CONDUCT AWARD FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 AUG 75  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION: GALLANTRY REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CROSS MEDAL COLOR WITH PALM: TO U. S. MILITARY MEMBERS

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NAVY & MARINE CORPS PARACHUTIST INSIGNIA

13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service)

TWO EXPERT PISTOL AWARDS/TWO EXPERT RIFLE AWARDS/TWO VIETNAM SERVICE MEDALS/THREE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATIONS/ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL/PURPLE HEART/SEAL BREAST/NAVY COMMENDATION/RVN MERITORIOUS UNIT (TWO)/NATIONAL DEFENSE/THREE VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSSES W/SILVER & BRONZE STARS/VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL/SILVER STAR/BRONZE STAR W/COMBAT V (THREE)/COMBAT ACTION/FIVE GOOD CONDUCT AWARDS/NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service)

EXPERT PISTOL SHOT 2 AWARDS; EXPERT RIFLE MEDAL 2 AWARDS; VIETNAM SVC MEDAL 2 AWARDS; PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION 3 AWARDS; ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL; PURPLE HEART; SEAL BREAST INSIGNIA; NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL 3 AWARDS W/COMBAT "V"; RVN MERITORIOUS UNIT 2 AWARDS; NATIONAL DEFENSE SVC MEDAL; VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSSES W/SILVER & BRONZE

18. REMARKS

STARS: VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL; SILVER STAR; BRONZE STAR W/COMBAT "V" 2 AWARDS; COMBAT ACTION; NAVY & MARINE CORPS OVERSEAS SVC RIBBON W/5 STARS; SEVENTH GOOD CONDUCT AWARDS FOR PERIOD ENDING 87AUG00. NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL.





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COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Bronze Star Medal to

MICHAEL BOYNTON 541 15 85  
AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN SECOND CLASS  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For meritorious service in connection with operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force while serving in the Republic of Vietnam from 23 October 1967 to 20 April 1968. Petty Officer BOYNTON distinguished himself by his sustained high performance of duty during combat patrols, ambushes, reconnaissances, raids and other clandestine combat operations of the swamps, jungles, streams and mud of the Mekong Delta. As a member of SEAL Team TWO, Detachment ALFA, 7th Platoon, Petty Officer BOYNTON actively participated as assistant squad leader with a SEAL squad on over 80 combat missions resulting in numerous enemy casualties and captives, many weapons captured and a collection of very important intelligence material. Petty Officer BOYNTON's aggressiveness, knowledge of guerilla tactics, clear judgment, devotion to duty and courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Petty Officer BOYNTON is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the President

*John S. Hyland*  
JOHN S. HYLAND  
Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet

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29 Oct 1968



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The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the Navy  
Commendation Medal to

MICHAEL BOYNTON  
AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN SECOND CLASS  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For heroic achievement while serving in armed conflict against the Communist insurgent forces in the vicinity of Vam Giong Canal, Dinh Tuong Province, Republic of Vietnam. On the morning of 16 January 1968, while serving as Rifleman on a SEAL combat mission, Petty Officer BOYNTON voluntarily joined the rear security element of his squad when the squad received intense automatic weapons cross-fire from an estimated Viet Cong company at a distance of approximately 200 meters across open paddy terrain. While the squad was pinned down the enemy attempted encirclement; however, because Petty Officer BOYNTON would not abandon his position the enemy attempt was futile. Had they succeeded in attacking from the rear, results would have been catastrophic with a possible loss of life for the entire squad. His courage, determination and utter disregard for personal safety allowed the squad to extricate itself while under a violent enemy cross-fire without injury. Despite a successful extrication from a tenuous position, Petty Officer BOYNTON held back to mark targets for the helicopter gunships enabling them to effectively saturate enemy positions during squad withdrawal. His courage and disregard for his personal safety while exposing himself to intense hostile fire in order that his squad members could reach a degree of safety was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Petty Officer BOYNTON is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

*John J. Hyland*

JOHN J. HYLAND  
Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

*The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting a Gold Star in lieu of the Second Bronze Star Medal to*

MICHAEL BOYNTON  
AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN FIRST CLASS  
UNITED STATES NAVY

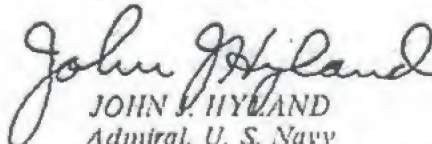
*for service as set forth in the following:*

CITATION

*"For meritorious service while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from 23 July 1969 to 6 January 1970. As the Senior United States Advisor to the Provincial Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) in Ba Xuyen Province, Petty Officer BOYNTON rendered advice in combat training, logistical support and administration of an unconventional force of over 100 indigenous combatants in paramilitary warfare designed to gather intelligence and neutralize the Viet Cong Infrastructure operating within his province. He planned, coordinated and conducted over 400 covert intelligence collecting and paramilitary operations which resulted in over 105 VC/VCI being neutralized. He was also responsible for making liaison with United States and Government of Vietnam province officials, combat units and government agencies. The excellent relations he maintained throughout the province were a definite factor in the success of the Ba Xuyen PRU. Petty Officer BOYNTON's professional performance, courage under fire and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."*

*Petty Officer BOYNTON is authorized to wear the Combat "V".*

For the President

  
JOHN J. HYLAND

Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
COMMANDER NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE GROUP TWO  
NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE, LITTLE CREEK  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23521

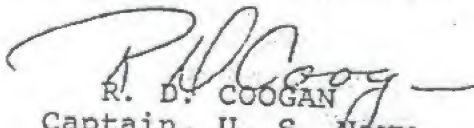
The Commander Naval Special Warfare Group TWO takes pleasure in presenting a COMNAVSPECWARGRU TWO Letter of Commendation to

CHIEF AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN  
MICHAEL BOYNTON, USN

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as Unit Career Counselor in SEAL Team TWO from August 1964 to September 1976. Through superlative personalized counseling programs, Chief Petty Officer BOYNTON assisted in raising the command first term reenlistment rate to over sixty-eight percent and the career reenlistment rate to one hundred percent. Displaying unprecedented innovative ability and initiative, he established a retention program that has been recognized as being exceptional by COMNAVSPECWARGRU TWO, COMNAVSURFLANT, and CINCLANT. Chief Petty Officer BOYNTON'S outstanding performance reflects his great pride in the Navy. His complete dedication to the naval service and his untiring promotion of the Navy's opportunities and image are truly indicative of a "head and shoulders" fleet sailor. Chief Petty Officer BOYNTON has by his devotion to duty, upheld the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service."

  
R. D. COOGAN  
Captain, U. S. Navy  
Commander Naval Special Warfare Group TWO



By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have today awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (NAVY)

FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM TO

SEAL TEAM TWO

SEAL Team TWO distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious and heroic service from 1 July 1967 through 30 June 1969 in the conduct of unconventional warfare against an armed enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. Although often required to conduct their operations in almost impenetrable terrain and in a violently hostile environment, this small, elite fighting unit nonetheless accounted for numerous enemy casualties and the capture of large numbers of troops, weapons, ammunition, and documents of significant intelligence value. The outstanding valor, professionalism, and esprit de corps of SEAL Team TWO are illustrated by the following instances: On 13 March 1968, a seven-man SEAL squad engaged an enemy force numbering approximately thirty men. During the fierce fire fight, although five SEALS were wounded, heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy. Exposed to a withering hail of fire by the pursuing enemy, the SEALS withdrew through 1,000 meters of enemy-occupied territory to an extraction point, with the less seriously wounded carrying their stricken comrades to safety. On another occasion, a six-man SEAL squad carried out an offensive patrol deep into the enemy-infested Rung Sat Special Zone and accounted for six enemy casualties. On still another occasion, a SEAL squad penetrated 4,000 meters into a Viet Cong base camp and overcame two of the enemy, one in hand-to-hand combat, before withdrawing to an extraction point 2,000 meters away, eluding a twenty-man element of the enemy which swept within fifteen meters of their position while attempting to locate them. Engaging this larger force, the SEALS accounted for ten enemy casualties before they were extracted. The distinguished and heroic combat record achieved by the officers and men of SEAL Team TWO reflects the highest credit upon themselves and the United States Naval Service.

*Richard Nixon*



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Commander Naval Surface Force  
United States Atlantic Fleet  
*The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the*

NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL to  
MASTER CHIEF AVIATION ORDANCEMAN

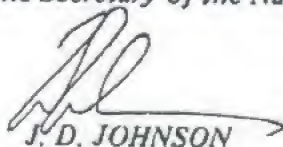
MICHAEL BOYNTON  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving with Naval Special Warfare Task Group from 16 April 1981 to 13 May 1981. As Assistant Officer in Charge of the Advance Party, Chief Master-at-Arms and Transportation Officer during exercise SOLID SHIELD 81, Master Chief Petty Officer Boynton consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Organizing facilities and managing support functions for over one hundred and fifty officers and enlisted Task Group personnel, he ensured the smooth functioning of everything from messing and berthing at Tent City to logistic support for over twenty-five unconventional warfare operations. His expert professional knowledge and superb management impressed all levels of command during this major joint exercise while ensuring there were no major disciplinary problems. His diligent efforts and resourcefulness inspired all who observed him and contributed significantly to the successful accomplishment of his command's mission. Master Chief Petty Officer Boynton's exceptional professional ability, initiative and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the Secretary of the Navy,



J. D. JOHNSON

Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Commander Naval Surface Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet



Enclosure (R) to COMNAVSURFLANT 11F  
Ser 10683 of 17 NOV 1981





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COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting

a Gold Star in lieu of the fourth

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL to

MICHAEL BOYNTON

MASTER CHIEF AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN

UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service while serving as Master Chief Petty Officer of the Command, Naval Special Warfare Unit ONE from June 1982 to June 1985. Master Chief Petty Officer BOYNTON performed his duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. His efforts were key to sustaining stability during a period of numerous changes in deployed personnel, facilities, and operational commitments. His contribution in fostering close working relationships with allied counterparts had a major impact in developing unconventional warfare capability within their armed forces. Master Chief Petty Officer BOYNTON's professionalism and devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the Secretary of the Navy,

S. R. FOLEY, JR.  
Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet





COMMANDER  
NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE COMMAND

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The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the  
NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL (Gold Star in lieu of Third Award) to

MASTER CHIEF AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN  
MICHAEL BOYNTON  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following  
CITATION:

"For meritorious service while serving as Command Master Chief and Senior Enlisted Instructor at SEAL Team TWO from July 1989 to June 1990. Master Chief Boynton consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Master Chief Boynton provided outstanding leadership, instruction, and management while filling two full time Master Chief billets. His outstanding input as the direct link between the Commanding Officer and the enlisted members of the command was the key to improving command effectiveness. The combat proven skills he imparted to SEAL platoons were essential elements of their success during combat operations in "JUST CAUSE." His personal efforts helped to establish a new and valuable training area at Cheatham Annex. Master Chief Boynton's outstanding professionalism and total dedication to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the Secretary of the Navy,

G. R. WORTHINGTON  
Rear Admiral, United States Navy  
Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command

460-60-0308



ENLISTED PERFORMANCE RECORD

\*See Art. B-2305, BuPers Manual

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## ENLISTED PERFORMANCE RECORD

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1 SEP 61									
16 NOV 65								COMNAVOPSUGRULANT	
16 MAY 66								NAVY HIGHER SCHOOL	
16 DEC 68								SEAL TEAM TWO	
16 JUN 69								SEAL TEAM TWO	
16 DEC 69								SEAL TEAM TWO	
25 MAY 70								SEAL TEAM TWO	
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**ENLISTED PERFORMANCE RECORD**

\*See Art. B-2305, BuPers Manual

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BOYNTON

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## ENLISTED PERFORMANCE RECORD

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11JUN73								SEAL TEAM TWO	
28FEB74								SEAL TEAM TWO	
16OCT74								SEAL TEAM TWO	
30NOV74								SEAL TEAM TWO	
30SEP75								SEAL TEAM TWO	
30 SEP 75								SEAL TEAM TWO	
30SEP76								SEAL TEAM TWO	
16JUL77								SEAL TEAM TWO	
22JUL77								SEAL TEAM TWO	
30SEP78								RTC, ORLANDO, FL	
27FEB79								RTC, ORLANDO, FL.	
20FEB79								RTC, ORLANDO, FL.	

NAME (Last)

BOYNTON, MICHAEL NMN

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(Middle)

SERVICE NO

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